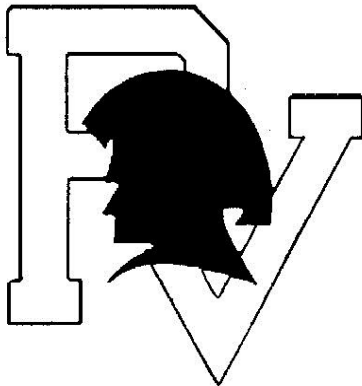


# Pleasant Valley

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Pleasant Valley Community High School is a public school which serves 1,451 students in grades 9-12. The semester-based curriculum is taught by 95 certified teachers. Sixty-six percent of the faculty holds at least a Master’s Degree. The school is accredited by the Iowa Department of Public Instruction and the North Central Association.

## OUR COMMUNITY

Pleasant Valley Community School District is a suburb of the Quad City Metropolitan area. The Iowa-Illinois Bi-State Region, joined by the Mississippi River, has a population of over 390,000. Within its borders is found a rich blend of urban, rural, suburban and small town living. The economic makeup of the district includes some of the richest farmland in the nation in concert with exceptional commercial and industrial enterprises. The school district is comprised of a full range of socio-economic strata. A large percentage of parents are college graduates who are business executives, professional and federal employees.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Twenty-three (23) semester units are required for graduation. Required units are English - four units, Social Studies - three units, Mathematics - three units, Science - three units, Expressive or Technical Arts - one half unit, Technology - one half unit, Health - one half unit, Wellness - one unit and Service-Learning – one unit. Each course receiving credit, with the exception of Wellness and Service-Learning, is utilized to compute a grade point average. An explanation of the weighted grading system is included in this profile.

## SPECIAL CURRICULUM FEATURES

The course offerings at PVCHS allow a student to prepare extensively for college or technical fields. PVCHS offers and teaches 49 credit hours or 14 academic college courses, in addition to 8 career and technical college courses. PVCHS also offers 13 Advanced Placement (AP) classes where 85 percent of students have consistently scored a 3, 4, or 5 on the exams in the past five years.

## COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

Approximately 60 percent of the Pleasant Valley students enroll in 4-year colleges. An additional 31 percent enroll in 2-year colleges or technical programs.

## TESTING RESULTS

Due to the academically competitive student body and the strong curriculum, each graduating class typically scores in the top 10% of the national norms and the top 15% of state norms on the Iowa Assessments. All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are evaluated with this achievement test. PVCHS, typically, has strong representation in the National Merit Scholarship Program. While we are proud of our student achievements, we are constantly striving to meet our district goal: “Having the best academic and extra/co-curricular program, not in one area but all. Not for one student, but for all students.”

Approximately, 80 percent of each graduating class participates in ACT testing with the following results:

ACT	15-16	16-17
English	24.6	24.2
Mathematics	24.5	24.5
Reading	24.8	24.6
Science	24.7	24.2
Composite	24.8	24.5
	N=228	N=243

Additional questions should be addressed to the counseling staff by calling (563) 332-6250.

Mrs. Kerry Anderson, Counselor  
Mr. Tom Neuhaus, Counselor  
Mrs. Linda Noble, Counselor  
Mr. Scott Rice, Counselor  
Mrs. Valerie Tucker, Counselor

**ART**

Art 1  
Drawing  
Advanced Drawing  
Painting  
Digital Photography  
Sculpture  
Ceramics  
Advanced Ceramics  
Computer Graphic Design  
\*AP Studio Art

**CAREER ACADEMIES**

Advanced Manufacturing Career  
Computer Science  
Education  
Engineering  
Entrepreneurial  
Introduction to Allied Health Occupations  
Hospitality Management  
Logistics  
Transportation Technology

**COMPUTER SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY**

Computer Science Principles  
Computer Science Applications

**ELL**

English Proficiency Development

**ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS**

English 9, 10  
\*English 9, 10  
American Literature  
College Writing  
Creative Writing  
\*AP Language/Composition  
\*AP Literature/Composition  
World Literature  
Young Adult Literature 1  
Young Adult Literature 2  
Essential English  
Literature: 1960's to Today  
Literature of a Genre – Novel Study  
Critical Writing  
**SPC:112 Public Speaking**  
Journalistic Writing Media Lit 1  
\*Journalistic Writing Media Lit 1  
Publications  
Reading Reinforcement  
Read to Succeed

**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

Child Development/Preschool Lab  
Early Childhood Development  
Caring for Exceptional (Special Needs) Children  
**ECE:243 Early Childhood Guidance**  
**ECE:133 Child Health, Safety and Nutrition**  
Food Prep 1  
International Cuisine  
Spartan Bakery  
**HCM:100 Sanitation & Safety**  
Exploring Fashion  
Housing & Interior Design

**HUMANITIES**

**HUM:135 Humanities of the Early World**  
**HUM:136 Humanities of the Renaissance**

**INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY**

**EGT:400 Introduction to Engineering (PLTW)**  
**EGT:410 Principles of Engineering (PLTW)**  
**EGT:460 Civil Engineering & Architecture (PLTW)**  
Introduction to Robotics Engineering  
Introduction to Manufacturing & Mechanics  
Introduction to Woods & Construction  
Wood Production Processes  
Automotive Maintenance  
Welding & Metal Fabrication  
Metals 2  
Engineering Problems  
Advanced Computer Aided Design  
Construction Skills

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/BUSINESS/MARKETING**

Introduction to Business  
Micro Computer Applications (or on-line)  
Micro Office Certification  
Web Design & Advertising Development  
Accounting  
Personal Finance  
Principles of Marketing  
3D-VREP

**MATHEMATICS**

Introduction to Algebra 1, 2  
Algebra  
Intro to Geometry  
Geometry  
\*Geometry  
Intermediate Algebra  
Algebra 2  
\*Adv. Algebra and Trigonometry  
Consumer Math  
**MAT:156 Statistics**  
\*Pre-Calculus  
\*AP Calculus  
**MAT:210 Calculus 1**  
**MAT:216 Calculus 2**

**MUSIC EDUCATION**

Band 9-12  
Orchestra Ensemble  
Pleasant Valley Singers  
Concert Choir  
Women's Ensemble  
Chamber Choir  
Introduction to Music Theory  
\*AP Music Theory

**SCIENCE**

Physical Science  
Earth Science  
Biology  
\*Biology  
Chemistry  
\*Chemistry  
\*AP Chemistry  
Environmental Science  
Physics  
\*AP Physics 1  
\*AP Physics 2  
\*Anatomy & Physiology 1, 2  
**HIT:120 Pharmacology**  
**HSC:113 Medical Terminology**  
\*Organic Chemistry/Microbiology  
Principles Bio-Medical Science (PLTW)

**SERVICE-LEARNING**

Service-Learning 9/10, 11/12

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

Modern U.S. History  
Ancient World History  
Early Modern World History  
Modern World History  
American Government  
Economics: Principles and Practices  
**SOC:110 Intro to Sociology**  
**PSY:111 Intro to Psychology**  
\*AP Human Geography  
\*AP Macroeconomics  
\*AP U.S. Government and Politics  
**HIS:118 Western Civ II: Early Modern**  
**HIS:119 Western Civ III: Modern Period**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Building Reading Success  
Independent Living Skills  
Math for Success  
Project Search  
English Fundamentals  
Math Fundamentals  
Reading Fundamentals  
Science Fundamentals  
Social Studies Fundamentals  
Skills Enrichment  
Unique Learning  
English  
History  
Math  
Science  
Work Experience

**SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

Career Exploration  
Flex  
Work Experience

**THEATRE**

DRA:101 Intro to Theatre

**WELLNESS**

Health  
Physical Education  
Basic Weight Training & Conditioning  
Intermediate Weight Training & Conditioning  
Advanced Weight Training & Conditioning  
Lifeguarding  
Sports Medicine & Emergency Treatment

**WORLD LANGUAGE**

French 1, 2, 3, \*4, \*AP French  
Japanese 1, 2, 3, \*4, \*5  
Spanish 1, 2, 3, \*4, \*AP Spanish  
**ASL:151 Sign Language I**  
**ASL:181 Sign Language II**  
**ASL:251 Sign Language III**  
**ASL:281 Sign Language IV**

**NOTE:** Independent Study opportunities are available in each curricular area with instructor approval.

**GRADING KEY**

<b>*A = 5.0</b>	<b>*B+ = 4.33</b>	<b>*C+ = 3.33</b>	<b>*D+ = 2.33</b>	<b>*F/F = 0</b>
<b>A = 4.0</b>	<b>B+ = 3.33</b>	<b>C+ = 2.33</b>	<b>D+ = 1.33</b>	
<b>*A- =4.67</b>	<b>*B = 4.0</b>	<b>*C = 3.0</b>	<b>*D = 2.0</b>	
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	<b>B- = 2.67</b>	<b>C- = 1.67</b>	<b>D- = .67</b>	

\* =Honors/AP  
G=No Grade Given  
W=Withdrawn  
S=Satisfactory  
N=No Grade/No Credit

**TRANSCRIPT GRADING SCALE CLARIFICATION**

**Pleasant Valley High School is a premier, innovative school district in the Midwest, which prepares students to succeed in a diverse, global society. Extensive preparation for college is a major strategic goal of Pleasant Valley High School. Our graduating classes typically score in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of national norms of the ACT tests. These scores, as well as the stringent grading practices that we follow, prepare students for the most rigorous of college curriculums. Students are encouraged to take curricular offerings that are the most challenging for their ability level. Honors level and AP classes are noted with an asterisk on transcripts. These courses are designed to be more challenging and are taught at a higher level than their college preparatory counterparts. Please refer to the grading key above. PVHS also offers college courses taught on campus by adjunct teachers and are noted by bold print.**

